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- An installation, called plant no 589 by the Soviets, was located in the eastern part of Moscow on ul. Kussakovskaya which leads from the plant to the Leningrad, Kazan and Yaroslavl railroad stations. (1) During the war the plant was evacuated to Sverdlovsk. Part of the plant remained there permanently and was designated by the Soviets as a branch plant of the Moscow installation. After October 1945 the machinery of the plant was replaced and supplemented by machines dismantled at the Zeiss Plant in Jena.
- Theodolites, transit telescopes, aerial cameras, sights, gyroscopic compasses and Leica-type cameras were manufactured at the plant. Details on the output were not available. Operating instructions for the optical equipment manufactured were also printed at the plant. German night fighter equipment was either being studied or copied there. (2)
- At the plant there was a section for the evaluation of patents which did not belong to the plant itself. aircraft cameras, German patents on optical equipment and V-1 weapons were being evaluated there.
- The Trisma Plant in Leningrad and the branch plant in Sverdlovsk were known to supply the plant in Moscow. (2) Incoming and outgoing shipments were handled by trucks. Power was supplied by Moscow.
- Manager of the plant was air force Lieutenant Colonel Turok (fnu); Major Cheknoitse (fnu) was his deputy. Both names are in phonetic spelling. The plant had a work force of about 3,000, of whom 60 percent were women, mostly working two shifts, occasionally three shifts. The 8-hour day shift was the largest. About 36 German Zeiss engineers were attached to the plant. The German chief engineer was given a monthly salary of 18,000 rubles; the other engineers received about 7,000 rubles per month. (4) The plant was guarded by armed factory police.

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- (1) It is believed that the plant is identical to the Geophysika Plant No 217, which was located at about the same place during the war and had produced optical equipment and sights. It was reported during the war, that plant No 217 was transferred to Sverdlovsk during the war, allegedly to Plant No 265 (?). [redacted] 25X1
- (2) This statement is believed to refer to infrared sets. 25X1
- (3) This information is believed to be correct. Some of the deported Zeiss personnel are reportedly stationed in Leningrad. [redacted] The so-called branch plant has not yet been determined although a former report mentioned a test plant for V-weapon control devices near Sverdlovsk. 25X1
- (4) [redacted] the German engineers mentioned in the present report belong to this organization. A section of this organization was billeted in Mamentov's, another one at Olen House 2 on Sokolniki Pol'naya, Moscow 14. This street is close to Sokolniki Park and thus close to Plant No 589. The main efforts of the Kortum group were centered around bomb sights and fixed aircraft sights. 25X1

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